

Carpentier Shows His Gameness in Battles

Record of French Heavyweight At Front Disproves Assumption That He Lacks Courage—Got That Reputation In Papke Match.

Most American lovers of boxing have always had an idea that Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe and greatest idol in the history of French sports, has every qualification of a boxing champion, with the exception of gameness.

This was particularly impressed on their minds when he quit to Bill Papke, former world's middleweight champion, in seventeen rounds in Paris a few years ago. However, this idea has been somewhat faded since Carpentier's European war started. Carpentier's European record in the big struggle has shown him to be a man of unusual courage.

Was Messenger First.

During the early months of the war Carpentier was a messenger. It was his duty to carry messages on a motorcycle from one general to another. Often he was obliged to come mighty close to the enemy's guns—in fact, near enough to forfeit his life if he came in for a bullet—as he was frequently within range.

What do you think he is doing now? He is piloting one of those airplanes that have to go up many thousands of feet in the air and set a line on where the enemy's guns are.

It is the most hazardous of all duties that a soldier can perform. Even in times of peace an air pilot is always in danger of death, but in war times the danger of losing his life is much greater.

If Carpentier's life is spared, and the warring nations lay down their arms, he will probably become one of the most prominent sportsmen in Europe, and it would be no surprise if the French government conferred some high official honor on him for his very big job in the employ of the nation.

A Picturesque Figure.

Carpentier is one of the most picturesque figures in the history of sport. He took up boxing when it was inaugurated in France, and won championship after championship until he captured the heavyweight championship from Bombardier Wells. He has the honor of holding every ring title from flyweight to heavyweight class.

He won on a foul from Gunboat Smith in London early last summer and earned the title of champion of the world. The result caused all kinds of discussion, but being a question in the minds of the American public whether Smith quit or was knocked out.

It would not be surprising to hear that when his country no longer needs his services he will come to this country and challenge for the world's heavyweight champion of the world.

JOHNSON MAY BE HARDEST HITTER

Game Has Known Some Powerful Sluggers, and At Least Walter Ranks Well.

Walter Johnson's recent home run drive at Cleveland, which was heralded as "the longest hit ever made," has started the old discussion over again. Who made the longest hit in the history of baseball probably never will be known. Ed Delahanty, Big Bill Lange, Pop Corkhill, Dan Brubaker and many others have been awarded the honor. But always the claim is open to dispute.

Bill Lange's famous drive over the outfield fence at Cincinnati back in 1904 was the longest. The ball cleared the middle infield, crossed Western Avenue, broke through the front window of the hotel and landed in the street.

Heine Zimmerman's two drives over the left field fence on the Cincinnati grounds in one game in 1906 were equally as long as Lange's. The field has since been changed considerably. No one has ever hit a ball over that fence and Zimmerman hit two in one afternoon. The passing between the top of the fence and a sign at the other clearing is a long one. The sign is erected on a cantilever above the fence.

Bill Dahlen made one of the longest drives ever recorded on the Polo grounds. In those days a cinder path ran around the outfield and Digby Bell,

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